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1. SUMMARY. THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE U.S.-FRANCE COOPERATIVE SCIENCE PROGRAM WAS HELD IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 2, 1977. REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. AGENCIES REPORTED ON THE STATUS OF COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES WITH FRANCE AND PRIORITY AREAS FOR FUTURE COOPERATION WERE IDENTIFIED. END SUMMARY.

2. THE ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING OF THE U.S.-FRANCE COOPERATIVE SCIENCE PROGRAM WAS HELD IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 2. DR. EDWARD E. DAVID, FORMER PRESIDENTIAL SCIENCE ADVISER, AND U.S. COORDINATOR OF THE U.S.-FRANCE COOPERATIVE SCIENCE PROGRAM, HEADED THE U.S. DELEGATION. THE FRENCH COORDINATORS, PROFESSOR BERNARD GREGORY, DIRECTOR OF THE

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GENERAL DELEGATION FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH (DGRST), AND XAVIER DE NAZELLE, DIRECTOR FOR SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, LED THE FRENCH DELEGATION. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY CHARLES MAISONNIER, COUNSELOR FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SCIENCE BUREAU, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; PHILIPPE PELTIER, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, DGRST, AND THE ENTIRE PROFESSIONAL

STAFF OF THE FRENCH EMBASSY SCIENCE COUNSELOR'S OFFICE.

3. AS A PART OF THE REVIEW, REPORTS ON THE STATUS OF COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES WERE GIVEN BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

4. PROPOSALS WERE MADE TO EXPAND COOPERATION:

-- IN FIELD OF TOXICOLOGY,

-- IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE. IT WAS AGREED THAT EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO FIND POSSIBLE AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST IN TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AS WELL AS AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND FOOD PRODUCTION;

-- IN THE FIELDS OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES AND CONSERVATION OF ENERGY.

DEVELOPMENT OF THESE PROPOSED AREAS OF COOPERATION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EXECUTIVE GROUP: FRENCH SCIENCE COUNSELOR AT WASHINGTON (DAVOINE); OES OFFICER (BECKER); U.S. SCIENCE COUNSELOR AT PARIS (SALMON); AND DGRST INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR (PELTIER).

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5. REPRESENTATIVES FROM NASA, NOAA, NBS, TRANSPORTATION, ONR, NSF EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CONTINUING COOPERATION AS WELL AS SEEKING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCREASED COLLABORATION.

6. IT WAS AGREED THAT ANNUAL REPORTS WOULD BE PREPARED ON EACH SIDE PRIOR TO REVIEW MEETINGS. WE EXPECT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN PARIS LATE IN 1978.

7. IN ADDITION TO REVIEWING U.S.-FRENCH COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, THE MEETING PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR FRENCH DELEGATION TO MEET MEMBERS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SCIENCE COMMUNITY: PATSY MINK, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OES; FRANK PRESS, PRESIDENTIAL SCIENCE ADVISOR AND REP. JAMES SCHEUER, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC PLANNING ANALYSIS AND COOPERATION.

8. VISITS WERE MADE TO NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS;

ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION; NATIONAL
SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

9. COMMENTS: MEETING WITH BRIEF COMMENTS BY SEVERAL
U.S. AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES WAS WELL RECEIVED BY FRENCH
TEAM AND OFFERED OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. GROUP TO HEAR
FRENCH SIDE COMMENTS ON EACH PRESENTATION. THE MEETING
PLUS THE SEVERAL VISITS TO KEY SCIENCE POLICY OFFICIALS
MADE UP A WORTHWHILE VISIT FOR THE FRENCH TEAM; ALSO
PREPARATION FOR THE MEETING SERVED A USEFUL PURPOSE
FOR EACH SIDE. CHRISTOPHER

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